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To All Fire & Law Enforcement Agencies,

California fire and law enforcement agencies are making a difference in the fight against illegal fireworks. Enforcement actions are drawing attention in Pahrump, Nevada, the source for much of the illegal fireworks being smuggled into California. With 2 of 3 days completed on this weekend the task force has stopped over 200 vehicles at the checkpoint on highway 127 resulting in 74 citations and the seizure of 7500 lbs of fireworks. The quantity of fireworks is staying similar, however, the number of cites has gone up. This was expected as we are seeing more personal use quantities, as we get closer to the 4th. This adds to the total for earlier enforcement actions last week.

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/firemarshal/SeizelIllegalFireWorks.pdf>

The following story by Phillip Gomez appears in the Pahrump Valley Times:

June 30, 2006

CHECKPOINTS PLANNED

California sets sights on Pahrump fireworks

CHECKPOINTS ARE LIKELY ALONG ROUTE 127

A year has gone by since Nye County decided to do something about its ordinance dealing with legal fireworks sales. Now, events are conspiring to bring about a wholesale change in Pahrump's retail sale of pyrotechnics, the explosive power of which is reaching far beyond Pahrump's sphere of influence. The sale of fireworks to residents and non-residents of Nye County is legal so long as buyers take the fireworks out of the county within 24 hours of purchasing them. The Nye County Board of Commissioners is planning to get down to business and revise its fireworks ordinance when it reconvenes just after the July 4. The ordinance's revision could put a serious dent in a major Pahrump industry.

The current county ordinance is "immoral" and "hypocritical," said Nye County Commissioner Candice Trummell last year. Trummell then said that it was too late to modify the ordinance for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration.

For the complete story, go to:

<http://www.pahrumpvalleytimes.com/2006/06/30/news/fireworks.html>

Keep up the great work!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Grijalva".

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